



By WHALEBONE.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. J. Edwards.—The ace is the highest. I presume you require appeared in our Saturday's issue.

Mr. J. Mull's brood mare Folly has foaled a colt to Lumby.

The pony Cadmon is now trained at Woodville by H. French.

The light-weight J. O'Shea will ride Duma in the Auckland Cup.

Master Waikiki is looking nice and fresh, and is riding freely in his work at Ellerslie.

The Merrie England horse Henry Christmas is now under P. Conway's charge at Ellerslie.

The trotting mare Secorde was disposed of at auction yesterday by Messrs. A. Auckland and Sons for \$2500.

The Walkerton trainer E. Hamilton has engaged five boxes at the Hippodrome for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

Accommodation has been engaged at the Ellerslie Hotel for E. Cawley's horses, and also for G. Murray Aynsley's.

The Torpedo mare Foundable was schooled over the hurdles at Ellerslie last week, fencing in good style.

The Freedom gelding Haka was schooled over the pony hurdles at Ellerslie last week, his display being a pleasing one.

Mr. Morse's weights for the minor events at the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting are due on Friday next, the 8th inst.

E. Davis is expected to arrive with Mr. T. H. Lowry's horses for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting after the Woodville Meeting.

One of Mr. E. J. Watt's representatives in the Auckland Cup, Cheddar, came in for some support for the two-mile race during the week.

The Menehoun gelding Terbiah lightened up considerably during his trip south, and is being indulged in a short rest at his owner's place.

Mr. T. H. Lowry has allowed Bobroff and Sam Pink to drop out of the Auckland Cup, in which event his sole representative will be Bellah.

Mr. C. J. Parker is having some trouble in getting a private trainer. Atlas White, who recently took over the position, has already resigned.

Some of the riding at Takapuna on Wednesday was of a very ordinary character, and in one or two instances the losing fee was easily earned.

The top weight in the Railway Handicap, Equitas, has come in for a lot of support for that event, and it is stated she is to gain her engagement.

The Curassier gelding Royal Armour is to be tried at the jumping game, and will probably get his first lessons over the obstacles during the week.

Although Goldfinder's showing at the Felling meeting was something of a disappointment, the son of San Fran has been paid up for in the Auckland Cup.

J. H. Prosser's team for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting will probably consist of half a dozen horses, for accommodation has been secured for that number at Ellerslie.

Although nothing has yet been definitely decided the probabilities are that the Kerama horseman F. D. Jones will have the mount on Sedition in the Auckland Cup.

The jockeys C. Brown and J. Deery, who have been riding in Australia for some time past, have been granted licenses by the Auckland Metropolitan Committee.

Several Auckland Cup candidates are engaged in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Welling today. In the event will earn a 5lb penalty for the Auckland Cup.

Five boxes have been engaged for R. J. Mason's team at John Lee's, Greenlane, and accommodation for T. Quibellan, Junr.'s team has also been secured at the same place.

Word from the South states that Mincout has been going on the right way since his return from Hiccarton, and promises to be at his best for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

It is stated in the South that R. J. Mason's team for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting will consist of Byron, Miss Mischief, Deirone, and the two-year-old Thomas and Georgia.

The Curassier gelding Tui Cakobou has been broken at Takapuna on Wednesday, and is being driven by his owner, Mr. R. Duder. There is every probability of Tui Cakobou carrying silk again in the near future.

There was a job of laterising in the various events at Takapuna on Wednesday, and it is rather a pity the stewards did not deem it advisable to administer a word of caution to some of those riding.

The apprentice, J. O'Shea, who rode Sphinx to victory in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Takapuna on Wednesday, picked his fifth winner, and is now ineligible to claim the apprentice allowance.

The latest Australian papers state that Mr. Bennett's colt Sarskrik was sent home to Adelaide from Melbourne, by a spell, so that all hopes of his being a star in the Auckland Cup are now shattered.

After being schooled at Ellerslie on Thursday morning, the Merriwee gelding, Jack Johnson, was very lame, but the seat of the trouble could not be ascertained. It is thought that he ricked his shoulder.

Seven boxes have been engaged at the Hippodrome for the Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses. The manager of S. Waddell, private trainer to the Howick Bay sportsman, bringing eight horses.

A Hawke's Bay writer is responsible for the statement that California is to be put back to the races again. The son of San Fran has not been seen since the Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting 14 months ago.

The Curassier—Gipsy mare which is a number of McManis's stable was tried over the small fences at Ellerslie last week. Although she got over safely the mare took a lot of risk with the fences, and will require a bit of making.

The Felling Jockey Club opens its Spring Meeting today, and concludes to-morrow. A lot of interest centres in the meeting in Auckland, as quite a number of horses engaged figure amongst the nominations for the A.R.C. Summer Meeting.

Advices from Felling state that A. Jackson will probably be represented at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting by Coronadell, Tuff, and Roosevelt. Coronadell is considered to have a fair chance in the Auckland Cup, in which event he has 511 to carry.

Alterations are being effected to the totalisator house at Ellerslie which it is anticipated will cope with the rush at the Summer Meeting. The present building is being enlarged, and accommodation is provided for two sellers, each race instead of one as at present.

When Hoanga won at Caulfield he completed new figures for the "about two miles" handicap course, which he covered in 4:54, which is his best time, and his best. An offer of 3000g was refused for Hoanga before he was submitted to auction, when he was passed in at 2700g.

The Hierarch gelding, Hierarch, which was sold as a yearling two years ago for 300 guineas, and which has never raced, was sold by auction yesterday at the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Co.'s yards for six guineas. Mr. S. Evelyn being the purchaser.

The Gluteu gelding Goldize, which was turned out in capital nick by J. Choute, Junr., looks like being useful, and his double victory at Takapuna on Wednesday was very easily earned. Goldize is only a little below, but possesses a lot of pace, and it will be surprising if he does not add further to his winning account before long.

The Salvadan gelding Antarctic, which was purchased by the late Mr. Theo. Rowland, and which has done so well, has been enjoying a spell since the last C.J.C. National Meeting, but will be put into work again shortly, but will not be asked to carry silk until the autumn.

Mr. R. Wynyard's adjustments for the opening day's racing of the Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting are due on Friday next. As there promises to be a scarcity of light boys riding at the meeting, Mr. Wynyard will probably be framing his handicaps on a high scale.

The St. Paul gelding, Captain Paul, let his supporters down again on Wednesday, the best he could do being to run third in the

Poua Hurdles at Takapuna. At one stage of the journey Captain Paul looked like making a one-hour race of it, but he had to hobble in the concluding stages, and a lot of bright gold was lost.

After an absence of nearly twelve months the Salvadan gelding Black Northern made his reappearance under silk at Takapuna on Wednesday, when he was sent out to contest the Tui Cakobou Handicap. Black Northern showed a lot of his old dash, and was forcing the pace in the early stages, but his condition failed him, and he finished out of a place.

The Auckland Racing Club is moving with the times, and it has been decided to erect a new notice board by the fence dividing the inside and outside enclosures at Ellerslie, which will give the scratchings, overrights and allowances, and also the position of each horse drawn at the post. The innovation should be greatly appreciated by the Club's patrons.

An innovation was made in the Takapuna race cards by inserting the placed names of the winners of the St. Andrew's and Auckland R.C. Spring Meetings. The innovation is a start in the right direction, but might reasonably be carried further, and a few more particulars be given. Probably as time advances further improvements will be made.

The victory of Sphinx in the St. Andrew's Handicap at Takapuna on Wednesday was the purpose of the afternoon, and the daughter of Bluejacket returned to her owner, Mr. G. D. Spina, which is a half-sister to Ben Johnson, by Bluejacket, has not done a great deal of racing, and her win on Wednesday was the most important she has yet registered. Mr. G. Dawson, her owner, is at present on a visit to Japan.

Nominations for all events at the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting close with the secretary (Mr. C. F. Mack) on Friday next, the 8th inst., at 6 p.m. The up-to-date course of the Auckland Cup and that something like £2500 is being distributed in stakes is sure to attract a large number of outside entries, and the forthcoming meeting promises to mark the commencement of a new era in trotting in Auckland.

When Mr. W. Ring returned to the Walkerton from Christchurch, after the C.J.C. meeting, he brought back with him, Tui Cakobou, a yearling colt, owned by Mr. George Clifford. The youngster was taken in the wind, and was sent up for Mr. C. Ring, who recently returned from America, to operate on. Mr. Ring has operated on the youngster, and the youngster is progressing favourably, and there is every reason to believe that successful results will follow.

Although Prophet was only taken up recently by J. Casafe, Junr., his connections are forwarding enquiries to his owner, Mr. G. D. Spina, at the A.R.C. Summer Meeting. During his rest Prophet has been fed regularly, while he was turned out in a large paddock, and, being a light-hearted little fellow, he got plenty of exercise, so morning he is much useless lumber for his trainer to get off between now and Boxing Day.

The Musketty gelding, Musketty, which managed to dead-head with Tipperary in the Menehoun Handicap on Wednesday, has been a long time getting his owner a return for the money expended on him, and Wednesday's event was the fourteenth in which he has started during his two years on the turf, and the first time he has succeeded in catching the judges' eye. The owner is one of those who race for pleasure, and now that the son of Musketty has started winning, it is to be hoped he will continue.

The new caretaker of the Ellerslie course, Mr. A. Hill, is introducing a number of innovations, and one that will be welcomed by trainers is a notice board which is to be erected, and which will give information as to the race programme for the day. Another benefit to those whose duties take them to headquarters is the erecting of a verandah on the end of the casualty room, which will be proceeded with at once. This will provide shelter for the rain and sun, and will be greatly appreciated.

The sixth Felling Stakes only attracted a field of seven, three of which were two-year-olds, and the race was something of a disappointment. The connections of both Autumnus and Emergence were very sanguine of success, although the latter had been having an easy time of it on account of the heavy state of the track. Autumnus was a hot favourite, but, according to the accounts in the southern press, the veteran Naumal got out with a fly, and was never caught, winning easily by a distance estimated by some writers as half a length and by others as a length and a half.

Says the Napier writer, "The Squire":—Taking as a guide the able manner in which Bobroff got through his portion on Saturday morning, there cannot be a great deal to be said for the way he got through a haking style and pulled up sound. Certainly the track had been improved by the showers which had visited the course the previous night, and in the early morning it was very soft. The weakness of any of the geegees had there been any trouble about, and on these grounds it would appear as if the racing trail will see Bobroff again.

The Auckland Racing Club have purchased the services of a new starter, Mr. G. D. Spina, and expect to have it installed ready for their autumn meeting. The machine is stated to be an exceptionally good one, and it is estimated that the issue of tickets will be considerably quicker than at present, while as the tickets are sold they are registered on the grand total. This will effect a big saving of time, as under the present system it has taken anything from three-quarters

of an hour to an hour and a quarter during the day to adjust the totals after the machine has closed down; but with the new machine the totals will be done away with, and will avoid the inconvenience of making up the advertised time of starting the races. With the new machine working, the horses will not be kept waiting nearly so long at the post as at present, which in itself will be a most valuable boon.

The general entries for the Auckland Summer Meeting, 1911-1912, are highly satisfactory as compared with the Summer Meeting held at the following course

Table with columns: Name, 1911, 1912. Rows include Trial Handicap, Robinson Handicap, Merry Handicap, Christmas Handicap, Bowen Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Foxonby Handicap, Orion Handicap, Waimona Handicap, Halsbury Handicap, Ferguson Handicap, New Year's Handicap, County Handicap, Midsummer Handicap, Maiden Handicap, Glasgow Handicap, Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Auckland Handicap, Westport Handicap, Gore Handicap.

With an acceptance of £2 for the Auckland Cup, all doubt as to whether a decent field will contest the event or not is dispelled, and unless the unforeseen occurs, there is every reason to believe that the contest will be a most interesting one. The decision of Eberhard, which headed the list, was expected, but some surprise has been occasioned by the fact that Los Angeles still remains in. Reports from Los Angeles give information that the son of San Francisco was to compete in the Manawatu Meeting, but evidently his owners are not yet decided on their movements. Waimanga and his stable companion, Santa Rosa, both appear in the list, the Auckland division being represented by this pair. Sedition, Southern, Domino, Maxwell, Ngapuka, and Duma, and probably the best of the lot will be heard of at Felling, which has earned a 5lb penalty as a result of his success at Felling, is expected to fulfil his engagement. Sir George Clifford has paid up for both his three-year-olds, Coronadell and Masterpiece, but, as the indications point to the much-named being the stable elect, the latter is expected, and also Coronadell, which has to carry 5lb extra for his win at Felling, and altogether the field promises to be as good as one seen out at Ellerslie for some time.

A.R.C. ACCEPTANCES.

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THE AUCKLAND CUP. Two miles.

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Wairarapa Notes.

The Masterton horse Tamati, owned by Mr. M. T. McGraith, was sent to start Shooter in the race for the Wairarapa Handicap of one mile.

The stables at South Featherston occupied by Jack Matthews, the well-known trainer, were destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning. The racehorses Longest and Shortest were rescued in time.

Mr. A. R. Matby, of Masterton, has received several tempting offers for the horse he has named with the name of Bluejacket, but none have been high enough to induce him to sell. He is anxious to obtain the horse in order to breed a better specimen of the Bluejacket gelding. A Sydney sportsman is anxious to obtain the horse in order to take him to Australia to race, and Mr. Matby is reported to be fairly substantial sum. Winchester has been purchased by Mr. R. Narelle, of Wanganui. The hunter raced for the first time in his new owner's colours at Felling.

Boomerang has been turned out, and will be treated to a good spell.

Mr. W. Smart has decided to put his best over hurdles in the future. The Quarryman filly, which she purchased for \$1000, has proved somewhat of a failure on the flat, but judging by the way she is shaping over sticks she should pay her way as a hurdler.

All Tramps, which will face the hacket